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NOVA SCOTIA EXODUS.

Fishing Vessels Crippled by Lack of Men.

MERCHANTS GREATLY ALARMED

Scotch Fishermen May Be Imported to Man Fleet.

A despatch from Halifax yesterday says: The scarcity of sailors to man the fishing fleet of Nova Scotia is likely to retard banking operations this season. The large exodus this spring from this province to Gloucester has left the home vessels badly crippled, and the owners of the banking vessels have great difficulty in getting enough men to make the trips profitable.

Every year the development of Nova Scotia's industries is drawing from the sea force many men who can readily get less hazardous and more remunerative employment ashore. This season, with the construction of a trunk line of railway from Halifax to Yarmouth, employing a large force of men, and several shorter lines being built, and coal, steel and manufacturing industries working to their utmost capacity, labor is in great demand.

The manning of the banking fleet has, therefore, become so serious a problem that a petition was sent to the Canadian government by a number of the fishing operators, urging that 500 Scotch fishermen be imported to man the Nova Scotia fleet. The government has not yet taken any action, believing that the provincialists who sail out of Gloucester would be induced by the prospect of better wages to remain at home. That, however, has not been the case.

It is now too late to get foreign crews this season, but if the exodus to Gloucester continues a colony of fishermen will be brought from Scotland next year to check the decadence of the banking fishery, which requires large vessels and large crews for profitable prosecution.

The same condition prevails in Newfoundland where fewer men than ever will be engaged in codfishing this season. Hundreds, if not thousands, of those formerly fishing have abandoned it for easier work ashore. Wages never formerly paid are now being offered men, but even these inducements will not tempt them to embark.

HIGH LINE OF SHORE FLEET.

Sch. Reliance Has Stocked \$3400 in Three Months.

The new sch. Reliance owned by Capt. John Nelson, which is engaged in shore fishing, has stocked \$3400 in the last three months, the crew sharing \$300.58 each, or about \$100 each per month.

Capt. Nelson claims to be high line of the shore fleet.

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DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Mooween, via Boston, 52,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Valentinna, via Boston, 19,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Judique, Le Have Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Nelson Y. McFarland, Georges, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Preceptor, Western Bank, 5000 lbs. cod, 75,000 lbs. fresh cod, 1000 lbs. halibut.

Sch. Dido, Provincetown, fresh pollock.

Sch. Sylvia M. Nunan, via Boston.

Today's Fish Market.

Board of Trade prices for salt and fresh fish:

Salt fish, handline Georges cod, \$4.37 1-2 per cwt. for large, \$3.62 1-2 for medium; trawl Georges cod, \$4.12 1-2 for large, \$3.27 1-2 for medium; trawl Bank cod, \$3.62 1-2 for large, \$3.37 1-2 for medium; hake, \$1.25; pollock, \$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; medium cod, \$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-Have bank, \$2, medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.62 1-2; haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, 70 cts.

Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4 3-8 for large and \$3 5-8 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. Mary P. Mosquito, 5000 haddock, 13,000 cod, 12,000 hake, 5000 cusk.

Sch. Pythian, 5000 haddock, 14,000 cod, 6000 cusk.

Sch. Yankee, 100 haddock, 20,600 cod.

Sch. St. Paul, 1500 haddock, 200 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$3; large cod, \$2; market cod, \$2.

Portland.

Sch. Minette was at Portland on Wednesday with 6000 pounds of fish.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Priscilla Smith, bound here from South, passed Nantucket lightship yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Sch. Hazel Onelta, after five days fishing, was in at Yarmouth, N. S., on Tuesday for bait with 90,000 pounds of cod and cusk and 5000 pounds of halibut on board.

Harbor Notes.

Tug Nellie came off the Rocky Neck railways last evening, where she has been hauled up for painting.

Bait.

William B. McDonald baited sch. Lelia E. Norwood with Essex alewives this morning.

ANOTHER MACKEREL FARE.

Sch. Marguerite Haskins Has 100 Barrels at Newport.

A special to the TIMES this afternoon from its Newport correspondent reports the arrival there of the schooner Marguerite Haskins, Capt. Ralph Webber, with 100 barrels of fresh mackerel. This is the third trip this season out south for this hustling young skipper.

ANOTHER BIG TRIP.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith Has Her Usual Monster Fare.

Sch. Fannie A. Smith, Capt. George Smith, arrived this noon and as usual had another of those big trips which have made her master famous. This time she has 150,000 pounds of fresh fish, which means another fine stock and share for all concerned.

Lobster Search Bill Amended.

(Special Despatch to the TIMES.)

State House, Boston, May 12, 1904.—In the house this morning, the bill to give the right of search to the commissioners of fisheries and game and their deputies was amended by striking out the word "without," before the words "search warrant," and by striking out the word "person" in that part referring to the commissioners searching persons. The bill in its present state is considered practically useless.

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STILL THEY COME.

More Good Mackerel Fares at Newport This Afternoon.

Sch. Victor Lands Her Fifth Trip This Season.

A special to the TIMES from Newport this afternoon gives the following additional arrivals at that port:

Sch. Victor, Capt. Solomon Jacobs, 75 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Monitor, Capt. Fred Carritt, 150 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Faustina, Capt. Augustus G. Hall, 125 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Bessie M. Devine, Capt. Archibald Devine, 200 barrels fresh mackerel.

Sch. Diana, which arrived from south this noon, brought 12 barrels of salt mackerel, the first landed at this port this season.

Schs. Grayling and Diana will now fit for the Cape Shore.

A special to the TIMES at 2 o'clock announces the arrival of sch. James and Esther, Capt. Samuel T. Hatch at Newport with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel. Sch. Saladin, Capt. Flar McKown, also arrived there this afternoon with 150 barrels fresh mackerel.

WHALES OFF NOVA SCOTIA.

Halifax, May 14.—Almost simultaneously with the legalizing of whale fishing by the Canadian government large shoals of the sea monsters have made their appearance off the Nova Scotia coast. They are particularly numerous in the vicinity of North Sydney. Their presence so near the coast is considered a good omen for the successful operation of the Canadian whaling industry, which will probably be started this year.

Rips Cod Sale.

The fare of Rips cod of sch. Edward A. Rich sold to Fred L. Davis at \$4.37 1-2 for large and \$3.62 1-2 for medium.

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ANOTHER BIG DAY FOR THE NETTEPS.

Little Fellows Flood New York To- day with Many Fine Fares.

MANY OF THE SEINERS WILL NOT GO TO THE CAPE SHORE THIS YEAR.

Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Captain Seavey, Makes Her Third Trip Inside of Thirty Hours.



Mackerel are in big receipt again today, the arrivals at New York and Newport having 3270 barrels. The netters are doing exceptionally well and a big fleet of them with fine fares are at New York this morning.

Our regular New York correspondent wires the following mackerel at New York late yesterday afternoon and this morning:

Sch. Laughing Water, 3200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. E. H. Smeed, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Actor, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dauntless, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Klondike, 2800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Venus, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Defender, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Elk, 8000 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Joppalte, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Maxwell, 2700 fresh mackerel.
Steamer Princess, 8000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Albert Brown, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Massasoit, 2500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Minnette, 2200 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Harry G. French, 100 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Quickstep, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mary A. Gleason, 40 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Viola, 2700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 130 barrels fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mettacommet, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Pearl, 2400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Alena L. Young, 3400 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Angielena, 8000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Acacia, 3800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. N. A. Rowe, 2800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hobo, 4100 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, 4500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Empress, 500 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Jack O' Lantern, 2400 fresh mackerel.
Sloop Magnolia, 1500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Veteran, 4000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie Foster, 2800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Dreadnaught, 2000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 2400 fresh mackerel.

history of the mackerel fishery. Capt. Seavey is making a fine stock out south and is right up with the leaders of the procession.

ever made for a series of quick trips in the A telephone message from Newport last evening states that at 9 o'clock they had finished taking out the last of the mackerel which arrived there during the day, and the seiners had all hustled out again. None of the vessels which were in during the day were going to the Cape Shore, but were going to stay out there and chase the big schools they had recently struck. Sch. Bessie M. Devine, which hauled for 200 barrels there yesterday, had nearly 300 barrels.

Sch. Arcadia, Capt. Martin V. Welch, arrived at Boston this morning with 100 barrels fresh mackerel, caught out south. The Arcadia will come here after taking her fish out and fit for the Cape Shore under command of Capt. Anson Leeman, while Capt. Welch will wait for his new schooner to be launched and fitted. Fresh mackerel brought 11 cents each at Boston yesterday.

MORE LOBSTER SEED.

Sch. Grampus Has More Crustaceans from Maine Coast.

The United States Fish Commission schooner Grampus arrived from the Maine coast this morning with another consignment of seed lobsters for the Ten Pound Island hatchery.

Sch. Etta Mildred, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Lizzie Hunt, 4500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. W. T. Dodge, 3000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mabel Leavitt, 2800 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Little Fannie, 2700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. M. Madeleine, 2500 fresh mackerel.
Sch. L. Palmer, 2300 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Mary E. Webb, 1700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Bernie and Bessie, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Florida, 6000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Hector, 8000 fresh mackerel.
Sch. W. Sinnett, 2900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Natalie B. Nickerson, Capt. John S. Seavey, arrived at Newport this morning with 200 barrels of fresh mackerel, thus making her third trip inside of 30 hours. This is certainly hustling and is among the best records

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HEARING ON BRINE DUTY.

Many Fish Dealers Appear Before
United States Appraiser.

General Appraiser Israel F. Fischer of New York gave a hearing yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, Boston, on the protest of Lincoln, Willey & Co., of Boston, against paying a duty on the brine and salt contained in the packages of a recent importation of 13 barrels of pickled mackerel.

The hearing was attended by representative fish dealers and importers from New York, Philadelphia, Chicago, this city and Boston. In their protest, Lincoln, Willey & Co. are backed by the Boston Fish Bureau and the trade in general, and were represented by counsel in the person of Atty. Charles P. Searle of Boston. Atty. Alfred H. Washburn looked after the interests of the board of appraisers.

"We shall endeavor to show," said Attorney Searle, in opening for the protestants "that brine or pickle does not add to or detract from the value of a barrel of mackerel, and is never considered in buying or selling. The price is the same whether the barrel contains 30 pounds or 20 pounds of brine, or none, if it were possible to keep the fish without it."

Leonard A. Treat, president of the Boston Fish Bureau, said an experience of 37 years in the wholesale fish business had taught him that the quantity of brine in a barrel does not add to or detract from its value. A barrel of pickled mackerel must contain 200 pounds of fish, net.

Charles W. Wrightington of the firm of Potter & Wrightington said he had been in the fish business 47 years, chiefly as a distributor. In buying or selling pickled mackerel they are always weighed apart from the salt and brine, except such as they absorb. When mackerel are quoted to the consumer at so much per barrel, it means so much per 200 pounds of fish, net. The brine is never bought or sold.

Louis Meyer, for 24 years an importer of salt fish, and Thomas Woodward of the firm of Thomas Woodward & Son, who had been in the business 40 years, both of New York, said they knew of no way of selling pickled mackerel except by the net weight of the fish, unless they are sold by the piece, which is seldom.

Andrew Hall, a United States weigher at the Boston custom house, testified that the practice in the department, previous to the new ruling, was to take as the weight of the barrel of mackerel the net weight of the fish.

George E. Wiley, of the firm of Lincoln, Willey & Co. testified that when fish are repacked, the general custom is to throw away the old pickle and use new.

Counsel on either side will have two weeks in which to prepare briefs, and then if Attorney Washburn desires to introduce any testimony he will have an opportunity of so doing. In the meantime he and General Appraiser Fischer will personally investigate the subject.

SEED LOBSTER HEARING.

Local Representatives Speak in
Favor of Proposed Legislation.

The house committee of ways and means yesterday morning gave a hearing on the bill introduced by Representative Davis of Salem, which provides for an appropriation of \$7000 for the purposes of protecting the seed lobsters caught in the waters of the state. This bill had already passed the senate. Besides Mr. Davis, the other speakers in favor of the bill were Messrs. Tarr of Rockport, Hubbard and McIntire of this city. Senator Moody Kimball also spoke in favor. Chairman Collins of the fish and game commission, while not admitting that he was opposed to the bill, said he thought it would be advisable to report it to the next general court.

WEEKLY FISH MARKET.

Trade shows a little improvement this week but it is still very dull. Fish are in fair receipt and prices show but little change. The first of the Rips or handline drifters have come along with good fares, which brought Georges handline prices. This has been a big week for the southern seining and netting fleet, and many fine fares have been landed at New York and Newport. The fleet has struck the fish late and the indications are that most of them will stay to the southward. This will make the Cape Shore salt mackerel fleet quite small. The little mackerel netters have done well and still continue to bring in big trips so that it looks as if this would be the best spring they ever had out south.

News from the salt bank fleet indicates that the vessels secured their second baiting at Fortune Bay, N. F., and the Magdalene Islands and that the ice has left the Cape Breton coast.

The receipts at this port for the week ending May 14 are

138,000 lbs. salt cod.
654,000 lbs. fresh cod.
22,000 lbs. haddock.
147,000 lbs. hake.
118,000 lbs. cusk.
392,000 lbs. pollock.
18 bbls. salt mackerel.
16 bbls alewives.

Salt Fish from Vessel.

	Board of Trade Prices	Outside Sales
Large Georges cod (handline)	4.37 1-2	4.37 1-2
Medium Georges cod (handline)	3.62 1-2	3.62 1-2
Large Georges cod (trawl)	4.12 1-2	4.12 1-2
Medium Georges cod (trawl)	3.37 1-2	3.37 1-2
Large handline cod from deck caught east of Cape Sable		
Medium do.		
Large trawl bank cod	3.62 1-2	3.62 1-2
Medium trawl bank cod	3.12 1-2	3.12 1-2
Large dory handline cod		
Medium do.		

Fresh Fish from Vessel.

All large cod caught on La Have bank and to the westward	2.25	2.25
Medium do.	1.75	1.75
All large cod caught to the east- ward of La Have Bank	2.00	2.00
Medium do.	1.50	1.50
Cusk	1.62 1-2	1.62 1-2
Haddock	1.00	1.00
Hake	1.00	1.00
Pollock	.70	.70

Other Prices from Vessel.

Hake sounds, 5 to 5 1-2 cts. per lb.
Livers, soft 30 cts. per bucket; hard, 30 cts.
per bucket.
Fresh Bank halibut (white) 9 cts. per lb.
Fresh Bank halibut (gray) 7 cts. per lb.
Georges halibut, 9 cts and 7 cts. per lb. for
white and gray.

Local Quotations of Cured Fish.

Cured Large Georges cod	\$7.00 per qtlt.
Cured Medium Georges cod	6.25
Cured large Bank cod	6.25
Cured Medium Bank cod	5.75
Kench cured large Bank cod	6.50
Kench cured medium Bank cod	6.00
Cured large shore cod	7.00
Cured medium shore cod	5.75
Cured cusk	5.00
Cured hake	2.50 to 3
Cured haddock	4.25
Heavy salted pollock	2.87 1-2
English cured pollock	4.00
Large handline bank	6.50
Medium handline bank	\$6.00

Mackerel.

Shore 1s	\$16 to \$17 per bbl.
Shore extra 1s	18 to 19 per bbl.
Shore bloaters	20 per bbl.
Nova Scotias	14 per bbl.
Prince Edward Island	15 per bbl.
Norway bloaters	34 per bbl.
Norway 1s	27 per bbl.
Norway 2s	23 per bbl.
Irish	14 per bbl.

DAILY TIMES FISH BUREAU.

To-day's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Edward A. Rich, 40,000 lbs. cod.
Sch. Vera, south, seining.
Sch. Smuggler, south, seining.
Sch. Nellie Dixon, via Boston.
Sch. Edna Wallace Hopper, via Boston.
Sch. Nourmahal, south, seining.
Sch. Priscilla Smith, south, seining.
Sch. George H. Lube, shore, 40,000 lbs.
fresh fish.

Sch. Mary P. Mosquita, via Boston, 40,000
lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Pythian, via Boston, 20,000 lbs. fresh
fish.

Sch. Albert Geiger, via Portland.

Sch. Avalon, south, seining.

Sch. George E. Lane, Jr., south, seining.

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fish:

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\$1.25; haddock, \$1.75; large cusk, \$2.50.

Fresh fish, large cod, \$2.25; medium cod,
\$1.75; all cod caught to the eastward of La-
Have bank, \$2, medium \$1.50; cusk, \$1.62 1-2;
haddock, \$1; hake, \$1; pollock, 70 cts.

Outside sales Georges handline cod, \$4 3-8
for large and \$3 5-8 for mediums.

Boston.

Sch. R. F. Jameson, 600 haddock, 4500 cod.
Sch. Eva Avina, 1900 cod.
Sch. Allen H. Jones, 7000 haddock, 1000
cod, 1200 hake, 300 pollock.
Sch. Dixie, 4700 cod.
Sch. Arcadia, 100 bbl. fresh mackerel.
Haddock \$2 to \$2.75, large cod \$2, market
cod \$2.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Capt. Robert Porper is fitting sch. Cavalier
for salt fishing and not for fresh halibuting as
previously reported.

Capt. William H. Mailman will now fit sch.
Albert Geiger for seining.

Schs. Vera, Avalon, Nellie Dixon, Edna
Wallace Hopper, Priscilla Smith, Diana, Gray-
ling will now fit and get away quickly for the
Cape Shore. Sch. Nourmahal will refit and
may go back to the southward.

Steamer Elthier of Boothbay is at this port,
bound south netting.

Schs. Elmer E. Gray and Fannie Belle At-
wood passed Port Mulgrave bound north on
Tuesday.

Sch. Orpheus arrived at St. Peters on
Wednesday on the way home from North
Sydney.